THE SOUND OF SILENCE
written by Paul Simon recored by Simon & Garfunkel(1964)

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<u>Intro</u>	Am↓ (2, 3, 4)
1.	Am G AmHello darkness, my old friend, I've come to talk to you a-gain, C F / C
	Because a vision softly cree-ping. F / C
	Left it's seed while I was slee-ping, F C Am
	And the vision that was planted in my brain, still re-mains, G Am
	Within the sound of silence.
2.	Am GIn the restless dreams I walked a-lone, Am
	Down the streets of cobble-stone. C F / C
	'Neath the halo of a street lamp, F / C
	I turned my collar to the cold and damp, F
	when my eyes were stabbed by the flash of a neon light, Am G Am
	That split the night – and touched the sound of silence
3.	Am G Am And in the naked light I saw, ten thousand people, maybe more, C F / C
	People talking with-out spea-king, F / C
	People hearing with-out listening, F C
	People writing songs that voices never share Am G Am
	And no-one dare – disturb the sounds of silence.
4.	Am G AmFools, said I, you do not know, silence like a cancer grows,

	C F / C	
	Hear my words, that I might teach you,	
	F / C	
	Take my arms that I might reach you,	
	F C Am	
	But my words like silent raindrops fell –	
	G Am	
	And echoed in the wells of silence.	
	Am G	Am
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ე.	And the people bowed and prayed to the neon God they'd n C F / C	iaue.
	And the sign flashed out its warn-ing,	
	F / C	
	in the words that it was form-ing.	
	F	
	And the sign said, the words of the prophets are written	
	C Am	
	In the subway walls, and tenement halls,	
	G Am Am (slow arp)	
	and whispered in the sounds of silence.	